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TOM SNYDER: ...Also, a report from Chris Wallace at the headquarters of the CIA in Langley, Virginia, a place we hear about so often but seldom get to see.

CHRIS WALLACE: Tom, CIA Headquarters here in Virginia is just what you'd expect: big, impersonal, and bristling with security. But our story tonight is about how a handful of radicals have penetrated that security. Working just a few miles from here, they are exposing CIA personnel all over the world, blowing their covers.

It's all very damaging to the CIA, and all perfectly legal.

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SNYDER: It is no secret that the United States, as most other nations, uses its embassies not only for diplomacy, but also for gathering intelligence information. A spy working out of an embassy has good cover, good communications, and diplomatic immunity if he or she happens to get caught.

Most Americans who work at our embassies are not agents for the CIA, but some of them are. Who they are has always been a closely-guarded secret, for an agent's effectiveness depends on maintaining his or her cover, keeping his or her job secret. There is nothing so useless as a well-known secret agent.

Chris Wallace is standing by now in the main lobby of CIA Headquarters at Langley, Virginia with the story of how some people are methodically blowing the covers of American agents overseas, and how that is in fact damaging the CIA.

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